

GE Docket No. 122642-1
Attorney Docket No. 41880.001065**SOLE DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names:

I believe that I am the original, sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A SUPPLIER AND A RETAILER**, the specification of which

is attached hereto.
 was filed on _____ as Application Serial Number _____ and was amended on _____ (If applicable)
 is an International Application, PCT Application No. _____ filed on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Prior United States Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 120 and 365 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Status - Patented, Pending, Abandoned

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And I hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the following attorneys, their registration numbers being listed after their names:

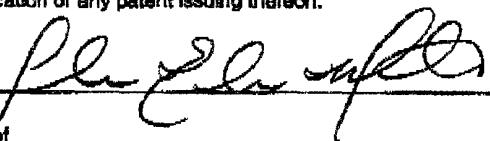
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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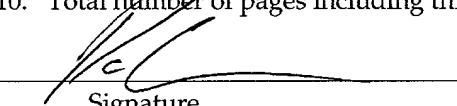
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ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, and in fulfillment of our pre-existing obligation of assignment, we,

1. Carleen Elaine MATUSKA, 1728 Pine Mountain Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

respectively, sell and assign to **General Electric Company, a New York Corporation, located at 1 River Road, Schenectady, New York 12345 USA**, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements **"COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A SUPPLIER AND A RETAILER"** (GE Docket No. 122642-1, Attorney Docket No. 41980.001065) invented by us, as described in the application for United States patent filed January 30, 2002, and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions there of, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said General Electric Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

The aforementioned Assignors listed above hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Inventor's Name:

Carleen Elaine MATUSKA

Date of Execution:

JANUARY 30, 2002

Witnessed by:

Timothy L. Atwell on this 30 day of January, 2002.

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Timothy L. Atwell

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